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# ***The Achiever***

**THE ARTHUR O. EVE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

***The College at Brockport  
Division of  
Enrollment Management  
and Student Affairs***

FROM THE DIRECTOR::

## **Just Rolling Along**

I still just can't get over how fast each semester passes on by. My expectation of all of you is that you are really taking care of business and actually working very hard to get the best grade possible, after all, this why we are all here. It is also important that you are utilizing every possible source of assistance in order to achieve the best grade possible. Now don't get me wrong I also hope you are finding constructive ways to have fun.

Now we move on to other business. First each of you must understand how important it is for you to meet with your counselor on a regular basis. There are just a few other things I need to check off with you. For instance, have you completed your 2015 – 2016 FAFSA, and provided your counselor with verification of having filed? Remember you will also need to provide other documentation if required, For example, yours and your parents 2014 signed tax forms (1040) and W2s. There may be other documents needed for you to be packaged for financial aid for 2015 – 2016. Each of you should make sure you speak to your counselor to understand what you need to submit. Remember, "Know Your Own Business." For those of you who are living on campus in 2015 – 2016 you must sign up for the residence halls as required. Remember, you are not required to pay a housing deposit.

Now let me get really serious. In the state Governor's proposed budget the statewide EOP Programs were cut by 1.4 million dollars. It is extremely important that each of us do our part to advocate for not just the 1.4 million dollars but to request that there be additional funding above this amount to allow EOP to admit more students. You can help by submitting a letter of support to the governor, your state senator, and assemblymen. See your counselor about how to do this.

As a final note, but just as important, I hope that every single one of you have put the EOP Honors & Recognition Banquet (April 25, 2015) on your calendars. I cannot express to you how important it is that you are in attendance at this year's banquet. I promise you, it will be one of the best yet and your presence will make it so. See you there!

Seniors!  
Remember  
to complete  
your Eagle  
Connect!



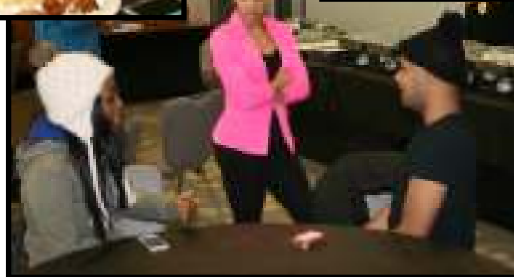
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## EOP Celebrates African American History!



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Daniela Bulos

**Major:** Psychology **Minor:** Women and Gender Studies

**Home town:** Bronx, NY

**Career Goal:** Higher Education/Student Affairs

**Counselor:** Dan

The EOP family's heart is full of pride for Daniela Bulos. It was just announced that she has been awarded the Chancellor's Award. This is the highest award SUNY offers for student leadership and accomplishments. Daniela was also named a NASPA Rising Star and a SUNY Emerging Leader. The College at Brockport has been made a better place by her con-

# IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING SENIORS



As you wind down your final semester, there are many important financial tasks which you need to accomplish. Please make sure that you have a zero balance with the Office of Student Accounts. You want to graduate with a clean slate. If the college sends your delinquent account to the Attorney General's office, it will have severe repercussions on your personal & financial situation. If you have taken out Federal Stafford, Perkins and/or Nursing loans while attending Brockport, please make sure you complete an online exit counseling session. This is a federal requirement for all students separating from the college. You can go to The Financial Aid Loan Page for instructions.

You are obligated to pay back all outstanding student loans you have acquired.

Once you leave school, your one-time six-month grace period starts for Federal Stafford Loans and your nine month grace period for Federal Perkins and Nursing Loans begins. Federal student loans give you the option to consolidate your loans. Consolidation means that you can combine all of your federal loans into one loan. Your interest rate would become a fixed rate based on your outstanding loan amounts and the current interest rates of the loan(s) selected for consolidation. If you become delinquent you may go into default on your loans. You want to avoid going into default because you will be ineligible for further student loans. A negative history will prevent or delay you from developing good credit for the future. Make sure that you have cleared up any holds on your record. They could delay your graduation and/or receiving your diploma.

Before you leave the College at Brockport, make sure you talk with your EOP counselor about the graduate tuition waiver as well as graduate school & financial aid options.

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## EOP Writing Workshops



Do you need **help** with improving your writing skills and technique? Having a little **difficulty** formulating a thesis statement or structuring your writing? **EOP Writing Workshops** are designed to assist you in acquiring the essential writings skills to help you be successful across subject content areas and beyond the classroom setting!

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
(Cooper Hall, Room C-25A) & Thursdays 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
(Rakov, EOP Conference Room)

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator  
at [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu) or 585-395-5411

## EOP Nursing Support Group

### Meetings:

4:30pm-5:30pm

Location: CSTEP/McNair

Office, Rm C18



### Meeting Schedule (Same location and time):

3/25, 4/8 & 4/22, 5/6

This support group is designed to provide nursing intents and Current students of the Nursing Program an opportunity to meet and build new relationships, meet some the of the faculty of the Nursing Program gain and discuss information regarding the nursing program, discuss various careers in nursing and to share their experiences regarding issues in the field of nursing. Attendance is **MANDATORY**. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, Academic Coordinator for EOP at (585) 395-5411 or [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu)



EOP's One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a peer tutor who in many instances has had the same professor, and who has achieved a high grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful in

their understanding the material for the specific content area, but may also assist in the acquisition and development of study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond.

**Why are good grades important?** We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing OR being accepted for admittance into the graduate program and graduate school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest.

Don't settle for mediocrity. **Why settle for a 'C' or a 'B' if you can earn a better grade?** To get the necessary academic support you must see your counselor, read and complete the tutoring contract form, and submit it in person to your Academic Coordinator (Debra Joseph-McEwen).



# Hear Ye, Hear Ye Hear Ye!!

To all students who are not ready to graduate, there is financial aid information of great importance. If you are planning on taking summer classes and anticipate needing financial aid, you must complete a supplemental summer financial aid application. In order to get financial aid you will need to take at least six credits. If you plan on taking classes at another institution and need financial aid, you will need to complete a consortium agreement with the financial aid office.

You should have already started the financial aid renewal process for 2015-16. You should have already completed your FAFSA and TAP renewals. Failure to complete your financial aid renewal in a timely manner can be a very costly matter. If you are a freshman or sophomore, you are facing the loss of SEOG and Perkins. Your EOP checks are blocked until to you provide proof of FAFSA filing to your assigned EOP counselor.

Please consult with the latter for help in completing this absolutely critical process. Start your summer job search now. It is always a smart idea to set aside some of your anticipated summer earnings to pay down your student loans. You want to make it a personal goal to graduate with as small a loan balance as possible.

## EOP's Peer Assisted Learning

EOP's *Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program* offers students another opportunity to practice their learning skills and study strategies. We offer guided study groups for specific classes. The groups are facilitated by peer fellows, a student who, like our peer tutors, has earned a B+ or better in the class and is recommended by the professor.

Students attending can expect the peer fellow to support them through the material they want to further develop and deepen their understanding of, helping them to not just understand challenging content, but also realize that they have been learning better skills as they reinforce their learning.

Any student enrolled in the specific class may attend the study group. You'll find that this opportunity is not just for students having trouble. Successful students use this opportunity to maintain and increase their competence.

**When: Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**9:15pm – 11:15pm**  
**(Starting Tuesday, Feb. 3rd)**

**Where: Drake  
 Memorial Library (Keifer  
 Room)**

**What subjects/courses: Various  
 Math courses, PSH 110, PSH  
 202, BIO 111, pre-requisite  
 nursing courses (i.e. CHM 205,  
 CHM 260) and writing**



For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu) or 395-5411.

# ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING EOP FAMILY MEMBERS

Please remember that you will always be a part of the EOP family. We will need your support in helping the next generation achieve success as you have. As you progress through life, please consider contributing to the EOP family at the College at Brockport. Please consider paying it forward by helping the next generation of EOP family achieve their dreams.



## RESUMES! NETWORKING! GO FOR THAT CAREER!

- ◆ Start getting job ready by completing your EAGLE CONNECT on the [www.brockport.edu](http://www.brockport.edu) website!
- ◆ Connect with student and professional employment.
- ◆ Get resume tips from Career Services located in Rakov Bld. First floor.
- ◆ Start a LinkedIn page! Get connected with professionals in your field!

## The College at Brockport SUNY Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for a Higher Education Rho Chapter of the CHI ALPHA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY

Greetings EOP Scholars and Current XAE Members!!! For the spring 2015 semester we have sixteen eligible XAE inductee candidates !!! Congratulations!  
The purpose of XAE is to:

- Promote continued high academic standards
- Foster increased communication among its members
- Honor academic excellence achieved by those students
- To promote civic engagement through community involvement



What are the eligibility requirements?

Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters

For more information contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, XAE Co-Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu)

ALSO....

We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at [www.xaehonor.com](http://www.xaehonor.com) to learn information about this organization.

Be on the lookout in the Achiever Newsletter for exciting news regarding Spring XAE events and information for future potential XAE inductees!!! Remember... The TASSEL is WORTH the HASSEL!!

**Kudos to Tibian Ahmed! She is the founder and current president of the Muslim Student Association.**

## EOP Welcomes EOP Counselor, DaNeille Kruger! SHE IS BACK!



I am extremely excited to be back in the EOP office here at the College at Brockport. For those of you that don't know me, my name is DaNeille Kruger. I was an EOP Graduate Counselor for the last two academic years. It is a great honor to be back as a full time Counselor this semester. I am looking forward to meeting you and helping you meet your academic and professional goals.

I attended Brockport for my undergraduate studies where I earned my Bachelors of Science in Spanish and International Studies. I am currently in my last semester of graduate school pursuing my Masters in Public

Administration. I have experience working in many professional environments that includes a bank and congressional office. As the owner of a successful small business, as well as co founder and acting Vice President of a local nonprofit, I am aware of what it takes to succeed in today's business world.

As a former EOP student myself, I know firsthand the benefits of this amazing program and the incredible opportunities it has to offer. I encourage you to take advantage of the tools provided to ensure your success. I understand the difficulties that you face and I am dedicated to helping you reach your highest potential. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Together I am confi-



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## GPS MENTORING PROGRAM

**Are you a second year freshman, sophomore, or junior who has not declared a major ? Get connected with knowledgeable faculty/staff, alumni, and community professionals in your career area to help you gain a better understanding of your desired profession and the opportunities that exist within that career.**

**FIND YOUR WAY!  
PLEASE CONTACT**

**DaNeille Kruger at extension 5434 OR BY EMAIL AT [dkruger@BROCKPORT.EDU](mailto:dkruger@BROCKPORT.EDU)**



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## **The 36th Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet is Coming!**

**Dear Brockport College Community!**

The Educational Opportunity Program would like to take this time to invite you to join us at “**The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet**” to be held on **Saturday April 25, 2015, in the Seymour Union Ballroom beginning at 6 o’clock pm**. This event is a wonderful opportunity for the EOP program to honor its best and brightest stars, to congratulate our graduating seniors, and to celebrate the achievements of the students involved in EOP.

We are also encouraging faculty and staff to sponsor a student. Through your sponsorship, students who otherwise would not be able to afford a ticket will be given an opportunity to attend the banquet. The tickets are only \$19.00.

To make a reservation or receive a sponsor letter please contact a member of the banquet planning committee.

**Terry Stymus, EOP Secretary, [tstymus@brockport.edu](mailto:tstymus@brockport.edu)**

**Daniel Askey, Senior Counselor, [daskey@brockport.edu](mailto:daskey@brockport.edu)**

**Lisa Jones, Graduate Counselor, [lijones@brockport.edu](mailto:lijones@brockport.edu)**

We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Educational Opportunity Program at The College at Brockport.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Jones  
Graduate Counselor

**You are invited!!!**